

Westminster, or elsewhere, against any Justice of Peace, Mayor or Bailiff of City or Town Corporate, Headborough, Port-Reve, Constable, Tithingman, Collector of Subsidy or Fifteens, for or concerning any Matter, Cause or Thing by them or any of them done, by Virtue or Reason of their, or any of their Office or Offices, That it shall be lawful to and for every such Justice of Peace, Mayor, Bailiff, Constable or other Officer or Officers before named, and all others which in their Aid or Assistance, or by their Commandment shall do *any Thing touching or concerning his or their Office or **435** Offices, to plead the general Issue, that he or they are not guilty, (3) and to give such Special Matter in Evidence to the Jury which shall try the same, which Special Matter being pleaded, had been a good and sufficient Matter in Law to have discharged the said Defendant or Defendants of the Trespass, or other Matter laid to his or their charge.

(6) And this Act to continue for seven Years, and from thence to the End of the next Session of Parliament after the said seven Years. *This Statute is enlarged, and made perpetual, 21 Jac. 1, c. 12, but see 21 Jac. 1, c. 28, which only continues it to the End of the first Session of the next Parliament.*

The Plea of an Officer, impleaded for the Execution of his Office. Cro. Car. 175, 285, 467. Vaugh. 113. Noy, 32. 1 Roll. 274. Moor. 845. 1 Mod. 184. Continuance of this Act.

See the note to 21 Jac. 1, c. 12.

STATUTES

Made at WESTMINSTER, Anno Regni JACOBI Regis Angliæ, &c., *vicesimo primo*, and Scotiæ *quingagesimo septimo* and A. D. 1623.

CAP. IV.

An Act for the Ease of the Subject, concerning Informations upon Penal Statutes.

Whereas the Offences against divers and sundry Penal Laws and Statutes of this Realm may better and with more Ease, and